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BIRTH.

On the 20th December, at Ranfurly, Conduit Road, Hongkong, the wife of F. A. WOOD, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 7th December, at St. George's Church, Penang, by the Rev. F. W. Haines, B.A., Colonial Chaplain, WILLIAM STUART DUNN, Assistant Municipal Engineer, Penang, to LIZZY (Dor), third daughter of Capt. E. Bradbury, Harbour Master, Penang.

DEATH.

On the 16th November, at Lahad Datu Estate, B. N. Borneo, L. OCTAVE JOURDIN, of fever.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VIGUE ROAD, C1,
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 23rd December, 1901.

LORD ROSEBERRY's remarkable Chesterfield speech will, we imagine, when full reports of it come to hand, be found to be one which may be rightly called epoch-making. After temporary withdrawal from public life he again emerges, and with something more than Punch's merry thought to add to the political consciousness. His frankly vigorous denunciation of the traitorous conduct of so many Irish Nationalists, and his absolute repudiation of all alliance with that party of odds and ends, are significant tokens that, at last, Liberals are awake to the vital fact that mere party strife should be sunk in times of national tribulation. Mr. ASQUITH, SIR EDWARD GREY and LORD ROSEBERRY, during the past two years, have each and all given unmistakable evidence of genuine imperialist instincts, as opposed to the petty parochial influences that have characterised the shiftless policy of the accredited Liberal leader and his immediate following. That LORD ROSEBERRY's rallying attitude has greeted continental attention is abundantly shown by BARON DESTOINELLE'S DE CONSTANT's open letter to him—alluded to in our London Correspondent's telegram dated the 19th inst.—stating that opinion on the continent is inspired, not by hatred of Great Britain, but by hatred for the war. This astounding assertion is difficult, if not quite impossible, to believe. The *Lyon Republicain*

is, ordinarily, one of the best conducted and soberest of French provincial journals. Its leading articles, signed as is usual in all reputable French newspapers, are penned by men who are deservedly eminent in their profession. On the 5th ult., it had an article over the initials L. S., entitled "*La Plus Grande Anglaise*." The practical writer makes fullest use of all the literary weapons of vituperative rhetoric, but his production positively bristles with the grossest misstatements and the most scurrilous aspersions. Thus the rearguard attack, in which COLONEL BRAXON lost his life, is called a defeat more calamitous than any that preceded it! Boer officers, captured armed, are stated to be shot almost daily, the reason alleged being that since we have annexed the two republics, the burghers are now revolted subjects. This is one of those "foul and filthy lies" about which Mr. BIRRELL waxed so wroth. We do not and never did regard Transvaal and Free-State burghers as rebels; and, whenever such men have been court-martialled and shot, it has been for clearly proven, cold-blooded, wanton murder, and not for any justifiable act of war. Cape Dutch, taken fighting against us, are rebels pure and simple, sentimental claims of kinship notwithstanding, and by all accepted codes of war are death-worthy. As a contrast to this, the treatment of British troops taken prisoners by the Boers is quoted. No one censures our enemies for legitimately using captured rifles and cannon against us. But what kind of treatment would French troops have expected from their neighbours, thirty years ago, had they been caught masquerading in German uniforms? Their shift would have been short indeed. St. Helena is dubbed a cemetery, and Ceylon something worse—and this by the people who own Devil's Island! Dr. JAMESON and his raiders are pirates, who should have been hung high and short. The whole South African Army, from its Commander-in-Chief down to the simple private, is pilloried with taunts and gibes, and insultingly held up to nameless scorn and ridicule. The Boers are set down as "poor and simple." The *Crested* factories could give eloquent testimony that their poverty is an untruth; and, as to their simplicity, the Government Blue Book on the working of the Refugee Camps in South Africa, from which we gave long extracts on Friday last, convincingly proves that crass unparlourable ignorance would be an apt description. We are further told, as *la vérité absolue*, that the women and children of both hemispheres, glory in the slightest Boer success, and devoutly wish for our final and utter discomfiture. Even the recent unsuccessful and insane attempt on the part of Dutch dock labourers to organise a boycott of our mercantile marine, in foreign ports, is lugged in as a make-weight at the close. The entire article, over a column in length, is informed and palpitated with hatred of the bitterest and most concentrated nature. "The profound antipathy that this 'nation of robbers inspires, on all sides, is 'no chimera. Formerly, England was 'not loved, although she was feared,' 'SALISBURY and CHAMBERLAIN have 'managed the matter so well that the 'whole world hates her, while no 'one fears her any longer.' Such is a literal translation of the last phrases of the article. Yet it is tame compared with the malignant calumnies, written and pictured in the gutter-press of the Paris boulevards. How then can we believe BARON DE CONSTANT when he assures us we are not hated? The wells of continental opinion have been deliberately polluted. Happily, we have no need to draw from them.

Successful amateur theatricals have been given in Penang. The piece was entitled *2100*. H.M. cruiser *Amphitrite*, Capt. W. S. Ross, C.B., was inspected on the 21st ult. at Chatham by Rear-Adm. S. C. Holland. She left on the 22nd and proceeded direct to Portsmouth to complete her complement of ratings for the China station.

The *Akatuki*, the seventh 31-knot destroyer built by Messrs. Yarrow and Co. for the Japanese Government, six of which have already made the voyage to Japan under their own steam, successfully passed her official trial on the 21st ult., easily obtaining the contract speed.

At a meeting of the East India Association on the 2nd inst. Sir Lepel Griffin strongly disapproved of Bishop Weldon's desire to introduce religious education in India, and denied that Christianity could give a higher ethical creed than the creed of a very large majority of Indians. Damage to the extent of \$1,600 was caused by a fire which occurred in a house in Kowloon City. A warrant for the seizure of opium was being executed in the house when an electric fan accidentally set fire to a jacket and that in turn to some straw. Eventually the whole building was destroyed.

According to a telegram received in Hongkong, the marine officers, masters and mates, sailing from Singapore have struck work for a higher rate of pay, and it is said the officers are using their influence at the various ports in China and India to prevent the ship-owners from obtaining marine officers to fill the vacant places.

A special telegram to the *N. C. Daily News*, dated Yentsichien, Honan, 16th December, says:—Their Majesties arrived from Hsienien yesterday afternoon (15th) at 3.30 o'clock, precisely, and remained here overnight. This morning there was heavy fog, and at 10 o'clock a gale arose which towards night has not yet ceased. The cold is severe; similar to the weather experienced on the 13th—the day before the departure from Kaifeng. Yesterday's weather however was quite clear and mild, which was most fortunate for their Majesties' comfort.

We have received the prospectus of a book shortly to be published, by Mr. C. A. Montalto de Jesus, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Lisbon. Those acquainted with Mr. de Jesus's writings will readily guess that the subject is Macao. *Historic Macao*, as its author calls it, will be a record of our Portuguese neighbour since its foundation. Little attention hitherto has been devoted to this branch of history, although as Mr. de Jesus points out, for three centuries Macao stood as a unique breach in the Chinese exclusivism which so effectively withstood the pressure of successive rulers of the deep. "To uphold that exceptional position," he continues in his preface, "to tide over an ever precarious situation, hard indeed was the struggle of the Portuguese against a rampant mandarism as well as against the ambitious designs of several maritime powers; whilst far-reaching were the penalties of a martyr-like espousal of Rome's cause in the Far East, and of an unwavering though ill-regimented loyalty towards Portugal, under circumstances which verily constitute the reverse of Montesquieu's saying, *Heureux le peuple dont l'histoire est ennuyeuse*." We shall await with interest the publication of Mr. de Jesus's book.

The report to be submitted at the annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock, shows that a new Committee has to be elected in place of Hon H. E. Pollock, K. C., resigned. In repairs and alterations the sum of \$703.44 was spent upon the City Hall building, during the year ended 30th June last. The number of performances in the Theatre exceeded all previous records, the audiences drawn by the various entertainments being much in excess of average seasons, and had it not been for the death of our lamented Queen, which for a time checked the gaiety of the season, the receipts would have been far above the average. The expenditure on repairs was not heavy. As to the Library, it continued to be increasingly appreciated and the experiment of keeping it open in the evening might be said to be quite a success. The Free Lending Collection attracted a number of readers, but a better supply of books is urgently needed. Sixty-two infants present the number of borrowers, and the Collection now includes 532 books. The number of visitors to the Library during the 12 months was 19,050 non-Chinese and 6,097 Chinese—more than double last year's numbers. Regarding the Museum, several interesting specimens have been added, including gifts from His Excellency Sir H. A. Blake, G.C.M.G., Capt. F. Wall, Messrs. E. S. Pereira, W. Goldenberg, Lee Ian Shiang, C. H. Gale, A. P. Samy, H. P. Tooker, E. C. Edwards, J. M. de Jesus and Basil Taylor. It is much to be regretted that lack of space and funds, and of scientific supervision prevent the development of the Museum, while the ravages of the climate render it difficult to keep the specimens in good condition. The Museum is, however, much appreciated by visitors to the Colony, both Chinese and non-Chinese, the number of visitors during the 12 months under review being non-Chinese 9,047 and Chinese 106,172. The balance in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer, when the accounts up to 30th June, 1901, were closed, was \$8,019.98, showing a gain on the year's working of \$2,291.45. Most of the balance carried forward has since been expended on repairs and improvements. The reserve fund on fixed deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is \$13,542.55, upon which interest amounting to \$541.70 had accrued up to 24th June, 1901.

The return of deaths in the Colony during November shows a total of 34 in the European and foreign community (civilians 28, Army 5, Navy 1) and 408 in the Chinese community. 114 deaths were due to chest affections (10 in the European and foreign community and 62 in the Chinese). The principal averages in the different registration districts were:—British and foreign community, civil, 35.1 per 1,000 per annum; Chinese, Victoria, land 19.1, harbour 10.8; Chinese, whole colony, land 18.8, harbour 12.1, land and boat 17.4; whole civil community, 18.0.

Certain alterations in the numbering of houses in Victoria and Kowloon are notified in the *Gazette*.

Commander Sir Bouchier R. S. Wrey has been placed on the retired list with the rank of Captain, to date 1st November.

Devonshire men in Calcutta were to entertain Mr. Jesse Collings, M.P., at dinner on the 17th instant, at the Bengal Chamber of Commerce.

On the 13th inst. a public meeting in the Singapore Town Hall enthusiastically and unanimously carried the resolutions in connection with the Victoria Memorial Hall.

A well-to-do Chinaman, one of the principal ricksha-owners in Singapore, has been banished for three years for the share he took in the recent ricksha-pullers' strike in that town.

The following appointment has been announced at the Admiralty:—Assistant Engineer.—A. J. C. Moore, lent to the *Amphitrite* for voyage out and home, to date 18th November.

A great fire took place on the 3rd inst. at the Ramday Cotton Mills, Howrah, Calcutta. The mills were almost totally destroyed, and the damages are estimated at four lakhs. The mills were fully insured.

The death is announced from Labuan of Mr. W. Hardie on the 2nd inst. Mr. W. Hardie was the brother of Mr. John Hardie, well-known in the Far East as once connected with the Borneo Co., Ltd., with the Borneo Minerals Co., and now the agent of the Rajah of Sarawak in Labuan. Mr. W. Hardie resided in Labuan some five years and was 70 years old when he died.

News from Acheen says that the Dutch in pursuit of the titular Sultan of the country have traversed Acheen from east to west through unexplored land. The Sultan escaped capture, but is reported to have been slain in an engagement—perhaps after the Mat Salleh fashion. The Sultan's men were defeated in two actions when they left 45 dead on the field. The Dutch loss was slight.

The Netherlands Trading Society has begun building operations preliminary to starting in business at Palo Way. Half a million of guilders will be spent by it at the outset. Optimists fancy that Palo Way has a bright future before it, owing to so many men-of-war calling there. The singular feature of this, writes the correspondent of the *Strait Times*, is that it is not Dutch but foreign war vessels that profit by the coaling advantages offered by Sabang Bay, the port of the island. French and Italian ships were among the most recent arrivals. Pessimists make much of the idea that these foreigners must have been spying out the defencelessness of the island, with the intention of profiting by it at the first opportunity. The Government has taken the alarm, and has set about starting defensive works there. Great preparations are on foot to beat off invaders, and to maintain Dutch neutrality in time of war. Heavy artillery is on the way to Sabang Bay. Artillerymen have already been despatched thither. The garrison at present consists of a small detachment of infantry.

At an extraordinary general meeting of Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited, held at the London Offices of the Company, on the 3rd inst. the subjoined resolutions, which were passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company on the 18th November, were submitted for confirmation as special resolutions:—1. That the Capital of the Company be reduced from £10,000, divided into 10,000 shares of £1 each, to £5,377 10s. 0d., divided into 8,604 shares of 12s. 6d. each, and that such reduction be effected by cancelling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of £1,343 17s. 6d. in the 1,396 shares in the Company which have been forfeited, and to the extent of £2,751 10s. 0d. (being 7s. 6d. per share) on the remaining 7,338 issued shares in the Company, and by extinguishing the said 1,396 forfeited shares and reducing the nominal amount of each of the remaining 7,338 issued shares and of the 1,286 unissued shares from £1 to 12s. 6d. 2. That the following Article be inserted in the Company's Articles of Association after Article 8:—"8a. Upon any offer of shares to the public for subscription the Company (or the Directors on behalf of the Company) may pay a commission to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe, whether absolutely or conditionally, for any shares in the Company, or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions, whether absolute or conditional, for any shares in the Company, provided that the rate per cent. of the commission shall not exceed the rate of 10 per cent. in the nominal amount of the shares. The Company, or the Directors on behalf of the Company, may also, on any issue of shares, pay such brokerage as may be lawful. 3. That in Article 78 of the Company's Articles of Association, for the words 'shares of the Company of the nominal value of £100' there shall be substituted '100 shares of the Company.' 4. That in Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association, the words 'made up to a date not more than four months before the meeting' be cancelled.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Board will be held to-day, Monday, 23rd December, at 11.15 p.m. **ORDERS OF THE DAY.**
1. Amendment of Drainage Bye-law No. 36.
2. Fourth Report of the Quarterly Inspection Committee.

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

AGENDA.
1. Correspondence relative to 21, East Street.
2. Forthrightly time-wasting return.
3. Mortality Statistics for this Colony for the weeks ended December 7th and 14th, 1901.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 19th December.

SOUTH AFRICA.
The Johannesburg Stock Exchange has been opened.
The Delagoa Bay railway has been opened to civil traffic.

AMERICA AND CHINESE TEAS.
The Washington correspondent of the *Morning Post* states that the United States Administration will probably ask Congress to repeal the duty on Chinese teas.

ATTEMPTED PRO-BOER MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM—STORMY SCENES.
Mr. David Lloyd-George, Liberal Member for Carnarvon, was compelled to abandon his announced speech at a pro-Boer meeting which it was intended to hold at the Birmingham Town Hall. The immense crowd which had collected broke all the windows in the building, and in the charge of police which followed, many persons were injured. Mr. Lloyd-George escaped disguised as a policeman.

LONDON, 19th December.

THE NEW AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS TAW—CAPTAIN OF GERMAN STEAMER COMMITTED TO PRISON.

The captain of the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Necher* has been fined £25 at Fremantle for contravening the new Customs law by breaking, while voyaging between Australian ports, seals placed upon ship's stores by the Customs officials. The fine not having been paid, he has been committed to prison until payment is made.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Two thousand Yeomanry have been ordered to be raised immediately, and despatched to the Cape during January and February next.

Six more Militia battalions have been embodied.

LONDON, 20th December.

TRIAL OF SCHEEPERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The trial of Commandant Scheepers, charged with murder, arson, train-wrecking, and cruelty to prisoners, are brought against him.

DAILY CAPTURES.

The daily capture of Boers continues. **LORD ROSEBERRY'S SPEECH.**
The Right Honourable H. H. Asquith, K.C., Liberal Member for Fife, speaking at Wolverhampton, unreservedly endorsed the views expressed by Lord Rosebery in his recent speech at Chatterfield.

LONDON, 20th December.

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.
Marquis Ito has arrived at Brussels.

THE UGANDA RAILWAY.
The rails of the Uganda Railway have now been laid to the Victoria Nyansa.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 21st December.
Sir,—As a convenient means of enabling me to communicate to the members of the Hongkong Jockey Club the contents of a letter I addressed to the Stewards of the Club on Monday last, the 18th instant, I beg to send you enclosed a copy of each letter, which I would ask you to kindly publish in the columns of your next issue. My excuse for troubling you is that I think the subject of my letter of sufficient interest to members of the Hongkong Jockey Club and others who take an interest in racing matters to warrant my publishing it. I may add that up to the time of writing this my letter remains wholly unacknowledged. Thanking you in anticipation, I beg to remain, Sir,—Yours, etc.

GODFREY C. C. MASTER.

(Copy)

To the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Hongkong, 18th December.

Gentlemen,—On Friday last, I heard that a draft programme had been drawn up for the forthcoming Race Meeting, and that of the 10 races per diem included in such programme 7 were to be reserved for water-poles on each of the first and second days of the meeting and 6 on the third day. That of these 20 races only three would be open to Hongkong subscription ponies of last season, and that each of such three races were also open to Shanghai subscription ponies; further, that in two of such three races the weight for inch scale was to be only 3 lbs. per inch (fractions of an inch presumably counting in favour of the pony), remaining event being a handicap.

Subsequent enquiries made of two of your number confirmed what I had heard. I would ask you, gentlemen, before publishing the programme, to ask yourselves if you are not, according to the programme as at present framed, treating owners of Hongkong subscription ponies of last season with a great want of consideration, and whether this want of consideration is not likely to prove very detrimental to racing in the future in Hongkong by holding out to owners no inducement to keep over for the next year's race meeting ponies which have shown fair form. Surely owners of last year's subscription ponies who have kept them for many months at considerable expense are entitled to be able to enter their ponies in more than one race per diem, and not to have to always meet the pick of the Shanghai subscription griffins, which, I believe, originally numbered from 70 to 80, 41 of which were entered and whose height ranged up to 15 hands. Again, as to the conditions of weight for such races you propose an allowance of only 3 lbs. per inch. Way so? You are aware of the

weight for inch scale in force in India and the Malay Peninsula, viz. 3 lbs. for each quarter of an inch, and you are also aware of the unanimous decision arrived at by the owners of this year's subscription ponies (to which, I presume you attach some weight) viz. that to bring water-poles of different heights together, the scale should be 2 lbs. for each quarter of an inch and not 3 lbs. per inch. That decision as regards the weight for inches to bring water-poles of different heights together must, I submit, surely apply with equal force to all water-poles, whether imported this year or last year, or any year, until it has been found to be incorrect scale, and that another should be adopted, when it will, I submit, be a question to be discussed by you with the owners of ponies.

If you, gentlemen, majority of whom were present at the meeting of subscribers at which the decision I have alluded to was arrived at, intended that the 2 lbs. per quarter inch scale should not apply to last year's ponies, why could you not then have so informed the meeting and dispelled the general impression that the 2 lbs. per quarter inch scale was intended to be applied and would be applied to next race meeting generally, instead of making no mention of the matter until now?

I have enquired of several of the members who were present at such meeting of subscribers, and one and all say that they most certainly understood that the scale according to the decision then arrived at would be applied throughout next meeting to all water-pole races. Surely it must be apparent to you that a pony of only 3 lbs. per inch must give an undue advantage to animals ranging from 14.3 to perhaps 15.3 lbs. per inch of 14.2 and under. So far as the scale racing goes it is unknown outside Hongkong. Under such a scale, a horse of 15.3 hands would allow a pony of 14 hands 12 lbs. only; say the 14 hands pony carried 10.7 the 15.3 hands horse would carry 11.5, quite insufficient, I submit, to bring them together, assuming both were fair specimens of their class.

I ask you, before you adhere to the programme you have drawn up, to give the owners of ponies an opportunity of meeting you and discussing the question. In order to meet the question for the next meeting I venture to make the following suggestion:—

That of the seven races to be reserved on each of the two first days of the meeting for water-poles, five be reserved exclusively for Hongkong water-poles of this season.

Of the remaining two, one to be reserved for Hongkong water-poles of this and last season at the 2 lbs. per quarter inch scale, ponies of this season receiving an allowance of 5 lbs., and if you are determined to try an experiment in the weight for inch scale at 3 lbs. per inch, you can do so in this race.

Owners of Hongkong subscription ponies of last season can, if my suggestion is adopted, select one or other of such two races in which to run their ponies or run them in both, whilst owners of Shanghai griffins can have no cause to grumble, since in Shanghai the weight for inch scale was 2 lbs. per inch; also, such a programme could not be reasonably objected to by any owner of a subscription pony of this season, as, if my recollection serves me right, nothing was said as to six races per diem being reserved exclusively for such subscription ponies. Five races, I think, mentioned, and the probable number of runners in order to procure good fields, will surely warrant more than five races being so exclusively reserved, to which would be added the option of entering in two other races with an allowance.

On the third day, one race can, as on the two previous days, be confined to Hongkong subscription ponies of this and last season and the handicap be open to Shanghai and Hongkong subscription ponies (of any season), the handicaps to be published in the morning room after the second day's racing and to appear in the evening papers—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

(Sd.) GODFREY C. C. MASTER.

RATS AND PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 23rd December.
SIR,—It must have been with no small sense of satisfaction that the majority of your readers noted on Saturday last that you did not hold yourself responsible for the opinion expressed by your correspondent "A Resident."

When he rushes into print and dictatorially declares that there is no connection between rats and plague, one is very forcibly reminded that fools rush in where angels fear to tread. If allowed to stand uncorrected, "A Resident's" letter might mislead some of your readers with a slight knowledge of medical matters than "A Resident" appears to possess—presuming that such a thing were possible.

Now, Sir, I will ask you to persuade your didactic correspondent to dissect a rat that has recently died during the height of a plague season—let him remove the spleen, cut it in half and smear on a glass slide some of the serous fluid to be obtained from its having done this let him request a medical friend to stain the specimen suitably and examine it microscopically and there will be found an almost pure culture of plague bacilli. This proceeding would probably serve two purposes:—

(1) "A Resident" unless he took suitable precautions would probably disprove his own person his assertion.

(2) There would probably be a timely end to such misleading statements from him in the future. Yours, etc.

ONE WHO HAS CARRIED OUT THE ABOVE EXPERIMENT.

A remarkable instance of a treasure trove has occurred in the Asian archipelago just off Cheahim, in the province of Smyrna, near the island of Chios. In the year 1770 a battle took place at this spot between a Russian and a Turkish fleet, in which the Russians, who were commanded by an Englishman, inflicted a severe defeat on the Turks. However, they sustained some damage themselves, and among other their treasure ship (according to some authorities their flagship) was sunk. About two years ago some sponge-fishers brought to the surface some relics of this battle, such as swords, guns, and pieces of gold. The news reached the Admiralty at Constantinople, and the fishermen were instructed to conduct a thorough search, with a promise of 25 per cent. on all they found. The search has just been completed, and thousands of coins, some quantity of gold bullion, and many valuable articles have been rescued. Among other things the richly-jewelled binding of a Bible has come to light, though the pages of course have long been destroyed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

AGENT WANTED to represent a First Class London Firm of Cork Importers. To those who have a sound connection among Brewers, Mineral Water Bottlers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, a liberal commission will be granted. Address Care S.S. 35, Crosby Row, Borough, London, S.E. England. [3274]

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL

THIS SCHOOL will close on Monday, the 21st inst., till MONDAY, the 6th January, for the Xmas Holidays. Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [3272]

NOTICE

CITY HALL

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in and **SUBSCRIBERS** to the CITY HALL will be held in the City Hall, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.

By Order:

F. B. L. BOWLEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3273]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 24th DECEMBER, 1901, at Noon, at their SALES ROOMS, 20, DES VOUX ROAD, FIVE AMERICAN AND TWO ENGLISH LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S BICYCLES.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3269]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 28th DECEMBER, 1901, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, EIGHTY PIECES OF VERY FINE IVORY CARVINGS.

Also

A Quantity of JAPANESE PORCELAIN WARE, Comprising: TEA SETS, DESSERT SETS, COFFEE CUPS and SAUCERS, TEA POTS, PLATES, VASES, JARDINIERS and STANDS, &c., &c.; and

A Few Pieces of CANTON BLACKWOOD FURNITURE. On View from Friday, the 27th December. Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3271]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Underigned have received instructions from the Administrator of the Estate of Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, K.C. (deceased), to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 30th DECEMBER, 1901, at 11 A.M., at his OFFICES, No. 4, Des Vaux Road, A Large Number of HISTORICAL, BIOGRAPHICAL, CLASSICAL and OTHER WORKS.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3268]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 24th JANUARY, 1902, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 20, Des Vaux Road, The Wreck of the Steamship "PUTAMU MARU," as she now lies on the Island of Mindoro near Manila (Philippine Islands).

THE HULL, PROPRIETOR, SHAFTS, BOILERS and ENGINES, STEERING GEAR, TACKLE, CHAINS, ANCHORS, and all kinds of Material belonging to the ship. 600 PHOTOGRAPH and PLAN can be seen at the Office of the Auctioneers.

Terms:—As usual.

For further particulars, apply to

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3270]

NOTICE

A MEETING OF HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 31st day of December, 1901, for the purpose of considering the following application:—From one ANTONIO FONSECA for the transfer of his Adjunct License to sell and retail intoxicating Liquors on the premises situated at No. 13, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "The Commaught House" to one JOHN H. WAINRIGHT.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [3280]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. **THE H.A.L. Steamship**

"SILESIA." Captain Bahle, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Underigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY, the 21st inst. Any Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the 24th inst. have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst. at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [3275]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, and WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1902.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. P. COCHRANE,
p. Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,
L. BELINDOAGUE,
Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

For the DEUTSCHE-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. SCHOTTLAEENDER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3277]

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, and on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1902.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, and
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

For the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent.

For the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
GEO. I. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3278]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"SILESIA." Captain Bahle, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at 3 P.M.

The Steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3276]

THE Steamship

"DAPHNE." Captain Schipper, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [3267]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.

"ESMERALDA." Captain R. Rodger, will be despatched for the above port on FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at Noon.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3279]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL." Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—From London, &c., ex s.s. *Rome* and *Australia*.

From Calcutta, ex s.s. *Masilia*.

From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. A. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 A.M. TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR CHINKIANG (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"QUARTA." Captain Johannsen, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [3286]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

FOR SHANGHAI (Taking Cargo through rates to Tientsin, CHINKIANG and HANKOW.)

THE Steamship

"FLANDRIA." Captain Eichbarm, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 5 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [3285]

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions from the Official Administrator, to Sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATE OF CHEUNG TAI IP (deceased), TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M., at CAUSEWAY BAY the Steam Launch

"HOI PING." Built of Teakwood. Length 63 feet 6 inches; Breadth 12 feet 5 inches; Depth 2 feet 3 inches. She has the following passenger accommodation.

Within the waters of the Colony 73 passengers. Within the Local trade limits 48.

Outside 14. Net Tonnage 21.65.

A Steam-launch will leave Blaka Pier a quarter of an hour before the Sale to convey intending Purchasers.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [3187]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 23rd DECEMBER, 1901, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,

A FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE PORCELAINS AND CLOISONNES, Comprising:—

MAKUDZU VASES, INCENSE BURNERS, and CUPS and SAUCERS, SETO BLUE and WHITE HAND-PAINTED VASES, EGG SHELL TEA-SERIES, VARIOUS DESIGNED VASES, DISHES, WALL-PLATES, &c., &c.;

Also

Some very fine Specimens of CLOISONNE VASES, SILVER GROUND and SILVER INLAID and CLOISONNE BUCKLES.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

On View on Date of Sale.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [3209]

PUBLIC COMPANY

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1901.

THE TRAVERSE BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 20th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [317]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3211]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. GILLANDERS

"GLENWOOD," 21, CAUSEWAY BAY.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1900. [2408]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS with Board.

Apply to Mrs. MATHESON, 2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1892.

TO LET

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.** Hongkong, 23rd November, 1901. [1602]

TO LET

A SPACIOUS GODOWN, well built of Brick and Stone, at WANCHAI, MATHE-SON STREET.

Apply to—**CARLOWITZ & CO.,** Sales Office. Hongkong, 10th September, 1901. [2302]

TO LET

A SMALL BUNGALOW IN KOW-LOON.

Apply to—**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.** Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [3189]

TO LET

EUROPEAN HOUSES, Nos. 4, 5A, 7, and 8, WILD DELL, WANCHAI

Apply to—**SANG KEE,** 72, Wing Lok Street. Hongkong, 29th October, 1901. [2753]

TO LET

1ST, 2ND and 3RD FLOORS of No. 35, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, next to Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., now nearing Completion. Suitable for Offices.

Apply to—**WING CHEONG,** Nos. 1 & 3 D'Aguilar Street. Hongkong, 8th October, 1901. [2562]

TO LET

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NOTICE OF FIRM

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Messrs. LAU KUK CHAU and IP LAN CHUEN have this day been appointed COMPTROLLER to my Firm, and are responsible for all future dealings.

A. M. ESSABHOY

Hongkong 13th December, 1901. [3212]

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KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

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HAINAN REEF BUOY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HAINAN REEF BUOY has dragged about 100 yards to the South East of its former position.

Due notice will be given when it is replaced in position.

G. A. FORSAITH,

Harbour Master.

Approved: JAMES ACHESON, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Kiangchow, 16th December, 1901. [3251]

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [194]

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [182]

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I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000 0 0

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, £857,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS, £2,853,714 14 2

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900. [318]

TOWARDS THE SUNRISE.

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CHAPTER III.

THE RACE EASTWARD.

Russia's railway advance into Asia began nearly twenty years ago; her Trans-Caspian, Trans-Caucasian and Trans-Siberian lines have been termed strategic, built with a view to the rapid mobilisation of troops on the different frontiers of the empire. That is the English, or rather the Anglo-Indian, view. All Russian lines serve a military purpose. In the Russian empire, as in the German and the French, it is state policy to garrison districts with troops raised in some far distant part of the country; those from the east go to the west, those from the north to the south, and garrisons are not allowed to remain in one district long enough to become part and parcel of the locality. There is constant movement, and these frequent changes of station are facilitated by railways, whether they are strategic or commercial. The Siberian lines were intended to open up the country; that was their primary purpose.

Much nonsense has been written respecting the "Great Siberian Railways." The lines have been overpraised, they have been ruthlessly condemned. There are poor sections; none is either very good or very bad; some are much better than others. Altogether it is just a light railway, nothing more. Originally it was intended that the line should be of narrow gauge; then the advantages of having the standard gauge became apparent and the gauge was made five feet. The rails weigh from forty-two to forty-eight pounds the yard; they are too light for the heavy engines and rolling stock of the state railways. They are just able to sustain the weight at slow speeds, and no more. The embankments are too narrow and too steep, the cuttings the same, the sleepers too soft and too thin. As a narrow-gauge railway, little fault would have been found with it, but its staunch champions admit that it is inferior to the average railways in European Russia.

There are sections which ought to be perfect, according to theory. That is to say, that by the engineering text-books the embankments are at the right angle, the sleepers are close enough together, and the rails strong enough to carry the weight. Everything has been accurately calculated; and everything, too, has been made just as specified in the calculated minimum and no margin allowed for possible difference of soil and material. Consequently, there are, and always will be, subsidences of the track, falls of loose earth in the cuttings, and spreading of the rails; therefore delays to the traffic, which even the proposed reallocation of the track with broken stone will not prevent.

The speed of the trains can never be great. Short trains with a light load like the Siberian express may be able to average twenty miles an hour, the heavier, ordinary trains do not often exceed twelve miles the hour, whilst the heavy goods trains rumble along like traction engines on a country road.

The express is the safest train by which to travel; the long freight trains bring down the falls of earth and cause subsidence of the track, and so themselves sometimes come to grief. The expresses are merely delayed by having to wait for the track to be cleared. From these strictures the extreme eastern sections—the Eastern Chinese railways—must be exempted; they are of a more solid character.

The Siberian railway consists of five different sections, the Western Siberian from the Urals to Ob, the Central Siberian from Ob to Irkutsk, the Eastern Siberian from Irkutsk to the Manchurian frontier, the Eastern Chinese across Manchuria, the Ussuri from Pogranichnaya to Vladivostok; to make a through route these have yet to be connected by the Circum-Baikal line round the southern shores of the lake.

The intention of the projectors being to open up new country, the line does not follow the old post road for any considerable distance. It does not run from town to town—even Tomsk, the capital of Siberia, is served only by a branch line some forty-eight miles long—and therefore as a tourist route it is disappointing. There is plenty of interest to see in Siberia, but not from the railway. For the following reason: Central Asia, from the Urals to Lake Baikal, is a shallow basin grooved with old waterways. Along these waterways, but above the present level of floodwater from existing streams, the line proceeds uniformly. For thousands of miles the passenger's view is restricted to a portion of a particular valley. There is no wide expanse of open country, no bird's-eye glimpses of Siberia from the top of an elevated plateau or ridge-way. The Siberian is a railway in a long, wide ditch, and the line sinks from watershed to watershed unobserved.

There are villages and towns on the route, but as it was not for them the line was constructed the stations are so far distant that it seems a mockery to name them after the settlements. In fact, the stations, like the sidings, are made at regular intervals, and the proximity of a town appears to be accidental. Where, as at Petropavlovsk, the railway necessarily skirts a town, the station is placed not at the nearest convenient place to the town itself, but at a point some miles away, from which the town can scarcely be seen. This appears to be wilful, not accidental, the object apparently being to run a line through a settled country, with stations at all likely to accommodate immigrants. Repairing shops, engine and wagon works, offices and other necessary establishments, are stationed at the points most convenient for the railway, not because the spot is near a town or river, nor coal or iron. Old Siberia, existing Siberia,

has been disregarded. Evidently it is expected that the line will make the country, and the new settlements will be on virgin soil, apart from those sections of the country already inhabited.

The trains on the Siberian lines are all crowded. In the express trains are travellers doing the four round the world, officials going to distant posts, the wives and children of officers stationed in Manchuria, a few commercial, and some experts or savants. There are seven trains on this service; two only have the luxurious appointments known to the world through the exhibit at Paris last year. The others are plain Pullman car trains of ordinary type. Their cosmopolitan character is known to all who tour the Continent.

Then there is the fast train each day. This takes in the first-class, officials, commercial, and traders working from town to town. Second class, the wealthier artisans and traders migrating towards the sunrise; third class, free, immigrants and settlers. Another train of goods wagons conveys the officers of the immigration department, free and State-aided settlers. There are special trains for the military, police and convicts, goods and railway construction material. Compared with English and European railways, and even with the State lines in Russia, the traffic is numerically unimportant. Excluding the military, the passengers numbered 66,000 in 1898 and in 1899 only 56,000; last year, owing to the disturbed state of Manchuria, the number increased both ways, people left and subsequently returned to Eastern Siberia. This year the mining traffic has diminished. The goods traffic amounted to 584,000 tons in 1898 and 639,000 tons in 1899. The gross receipts average less than £700 per mile per annum. It is, therefore, ridiculous to contend that a double track is necessary. The Perm-Tiumen line, the only railway in Siberia, is also single track, but it carries over a million passengers per mile yearly and its gross receipts are over £1,000 per annum.

On all trains there is greater comfort than one expects to find; even the third-class passengers have a place for their bedding, and the fourth has broad, rough benches and shelves, which serve the same purpose. The trains are kept clean, the service is good; in short, the working staff of the line are competent men efficiently directed and controlled, and travelling by train in Siberia is more comfortable than it is in Russia. The Siberian is a pioneer railway; it cannot have any large traffic until the country it traverses becomes more settled. It has no loop lines of importance; it does not compete with the river-ways, nor is it largely served by them; neither has it diverted any considerable traffic, excepting, perhaps, the trade in European sea-borne goods to Krasnoyarsk, by the discarded Kara Sea route, and a share of the caravan trade from Tarkassan.

The continuation of the line by the Shilka and Amur rivers will some day have to be undertaken, as the rivers are silted up and each year there is less snow, owing to the destruction of the forests, and consequently less water. The post steamers are laid up in pools unable to pass either up or down, to settlements on the river banks. The traffic, passenger and goods, therefore passes into the hands of the private companies. It must also be said that the captains of the Government boats will not take the risks the owner of a private boat will run. A fast steamer drawing only 3½ feet has not attempted a passage on a few inches margin; if she goes aground she backs off—if she can—if she touches a bank or boulder she expects to be carried over the obstruction by the wave she has left in her wake. Going down the Amur when the water is low, is as exciting as skating over thin ice. With good luck you may be on a sandbar until all the provisions are consumed, until the deck-passengers become hungry and riotous, and you escape robbery and death by paying salvage rates to some passing steamer or raft. Being myself in no particular hurry, I had the barren satisfaction of the quickest passage in the month, and met Emsen, the American boy who was racing round the world, with his peers towing a leaky punt upstream just as though they were out for an afternoon's holiday at Twickenham, his steamer being fast aground a few yards further down stream. The route by the river Amur does not furnish a through connection between east and west; it is merely a makeshift until the railway is opened for general traffic. The Amur valley is fairly settled, but on both banks there is some of the best country for Russian colonists in all Siberia, and it will be occupied long before central Siberia is colonised. The far east of Siberia, particularly the Ussuri valley, is even better; it is the pick of all Siberia, and much of it is settled by immigrants who have arrived from Odessa by the sea route.

To the visitor Siberia is slow to reveal herself; mid-Siberia is a land without a hill-top. Farther east the traveller exchanges the dry ditch of the railway for the wet ditch of the waterway. High banks obscure the view; often the banks themselves are hidden by the smoke from huge smouldering forest fires, by the heat haze, and on the far north-east by the banks of sea-fog driven inland by the prevalent east wind. The beauties of Siberia must be sought out like the big trees in the great forest; they are not apparent to the gaze. In verdure Siberia is rich, and the further east one goes the richer and more varied the growth. Sandy steppes merge with forest, then the forest turns to glorious woodland with bright green prairies and hill slopes covered with hazel and wild-rhine. The grass is breast high in the meadows, gay with yellow poppies, orange lilies, and orchids, white and purple in endless variety, whilst butterflies—larger than humming birds, and brighter hued, are plentiful as cabbage moths in an English lane.

The people of Siberia are the exiles and convicts and their descendants; the new settlers the railway hands—by far the most conspicuous—and natives, with imported coolies from China and Corea everywhere east of Lake Baikal. And the best part of Siberia is that which has been improved by the labour of the Chinaman; he is advancing westward, and it is with the Chinese question that the Russians will have to deal in settling the country. It is the wish and the intention of the Government to secure Siberia to the Russian race absolutely; the foreigner is not wanted. Siberia for the Russians is the cry, and it is to that end that the immigration department has been organised, with the Siberian railway at its disposal as the means to its accomplishment.

In this way, if in no other, the railway justifies its existence. It is an "all-Russian" line, and if it has cost much more to construct than would have been the case had the work been given to foreign contractors, the Russians have gained what they needed badly—practical experience in carrying through engineering work of the first order. The value of the individual experience is to some extent lost to the state owing to the fact that the continuation of the work of covering the east with a network of lines is entrusted to new hands. Instead of employing the men who have gained their experience at the cost of the state, those now engaged are, with few exceptions, young engineers fresh from the technical colleges. On the other hand, it must be allowed that the railway presented no very serious engineering difficulties; severe winter weather was the most troublesome element. Nowhere has the line a long tunnel, or a bridge like that over the Kishina, or the Forth; when it is not running on a dead level it winds like a serpent or a mountain railway over hill-passes, and the few cuttings through rock would be trifles for the engineers of such a line as our Cambrian railway. The Trans-Siberian railway is great only in its length and by reason of the purpose it is intended to serve.

It is the trunk from which branches will be run to the gold fields of the north and south. In a very short time the most important branch, that through Mongolia to Peking, will be commenced; long before its completion it will have intercepted the caravan tracks and deviate the traffic in tea from the old road and river routes to Moscow. Other branches will reach the mineral regions of the upper Yenisei, the Vitim gold-fields, and the valley of the Zeya. By that time many crannies of the existing trunk-line will have improved. It will not be necessary for the locomotives to take reserves of water in tubs on trucks, or for it to be pumped half a mile, or more, to tanks; the line will be properly ballasted; there will not be falls of earth down the banks every time a train passes; with the settlement and subsequent drainage of the lands adjacent to the railways the subsidence caused by flood water will cease.

The Siberia opened up to Russians by the railway is a land of great promise; it is not the eldorado some picture it, most certainly it is very different to the desolate waste Siberia is generally considered. Nowhere throughout its whole length does it cross or approach barred land. The Siberia of the railway is just plain, commonplace country such as one expects to find in any great British colony, and its like can be extended far to north and south by other railways. Those railways Siberia will want soon, but at present it wants only men, and it wants those men badly.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1901. [3253]

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All Debtors and Creditors of the Firm are requested to communicate with the undersigned as soon as possible, in order that there may be a proper settlement of their accounts.

J. MACGOWAN,

Executor of the Estate of the late JAMES WHITFIELD.

Amoy, 12th December, 1901. [3188]

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LONDON	STENTOR	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th February.
LONDON	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th February.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	AXIS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th March.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	PATROCLOS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th February.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. SPONS, &c.	TANTALUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at Daylight.
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REMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	KONIG ALBERT	Ger. str.	2 m.	C. Polack	NYSSA & CO.	On 25th inst., at 4 p.m.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SERBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
HAYRE, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	NUKRENS	Ger. str.	2 m.	Ammon	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th January.
HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	STRASSBURG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th January.
HAYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th January.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Duckstein	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th February.
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NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	LENNON	Brit. str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	ASAMA	Brit. str.	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 31st inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. Archibald, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 15th January, at Noon.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TANTAR	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. Beetham	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 29th January.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	VICTORIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	P. Pantou	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 27th inst.
PORTLAND (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ITO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	S. J. G. Parsons	NYSSA & CO.	On 30th inst., at 4 p.m.
SAN DIEGO & VIA MOJITO, &c.	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. E. Craven, R.N.R.	ALLAN CAMERON	On 28th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINGTO	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	E. W. Haswell	NYSSA & CO.	On 16th January.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ATLIS	Brit. str.	2 m.	S. John George	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 2nd Jan., at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJITO & KOBE	SILESIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Bahlo	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJITO & KOBE	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. S. Thompson	NYSSA & CO.	On or about 30th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	T. Mura	NYSSA & CO.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
KOBE DIRECT	HAKODATE MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Schippert	NYSSA & CO.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & YOKOHAMA	DAFNE	Ger. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 5 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & YOKOHAMA	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	BARLESBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Reckmann	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & CHINKIA	FLANDRIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Eichbaum	SIMONSEN & CO.	To-day, at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	2 m.	F. W. Vibert	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 4th Jan.
CHINKIA	QUANTA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Johannsen	SIMONSEN & CO.	To-day, at 3 p.m.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	K. Suzuki	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 1st January.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MAIDZURU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Kikano	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 29th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	LOOCHANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Davis	DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
MANILA	ROBERTA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	Tate	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 3 p.m.
MANILA	DIAMANTE	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. Rattenbury	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA VIA AMOY	ESMERALDA	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
MANILA DIRECT	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Rolle	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
MANILA, VIA AMOY	CHINGTO	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th January.
MANILA	SUNGKANG	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ARABATON AFAR	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. Ppy	DAVID SARSON, SONS & CO.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 20, Dr. Hans JURG KLEB, Norwegian str. H. E. Larsen, Haiphong via Hoihow 17th December, General.—A. R. MARTY.	Dec. 20, JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German str. 666, G. Schaeffer, Hoihow 18th Dec, General.—JESSEN & Co.	Dec. 20, WEST YORK, British bark, 766, W. L. Foster, Callao 10th Oct., Ballast.—ORDER.	Dec. 21, BARLESBERG, German str. 1,379, A. Beckman, Manila 17th Dec, Ballast.—ORDER.	Dec. 21, BENGAL, British str. 2,751, A. L. Valentini, Bombay and Singapore 10th December Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 21, CHONGYANG, British str. 1,194, Bowker, Canton 20th December, General.—JARDINE MATHESON & Co.	Dec. 21, EMMA, German str. 1,881, J. Samuelson, Wuhu and Chinkiang 17th December, General.—JESSEN & Co.	Dec. 21, FLANDRIA, German str. 1,286, Eichbaum, Canton 21st Dec, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.	Dec. 21, HONGWAN I, British str. 2,060, R. Pontus, Singapore 14th Dec, General.—CH NESE.	Dec. 21, INDEPENDENT, German str., 871, Holz, Canton 20th December, General.—SANDER, WILKES & Co.	Dec. 21, SERBIA, German steamer, 2,709, H. Brehmer, Kobe 15th December, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	Dec. 21, SILESIA, German str., 1,193, J. Bahlo, Hamburg 8th November, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.	Dec. 21, TAGSANG, British str., 873, Baker, Bangkok via Ang Hin 14th Dec, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	Dec. 21, THALES, British str., 820, Robson, Pakhoi 18th Dec and Hoihow 20th, General.—DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.	Dec. 21, WATHEWICH, British surveying-ship, from Canton.	Dec. 22, CHINGYANG, Amr. str., 1,211, Sloomers, Shanghai 18th Dec, General.—CHINESE.	Dec. 22, DAYKRAK, British str., 700, H. Pratt, Swatow 18th Dec, General.—DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.	Dec. 22, HAICHING, British str., 1,272, W. J. Davis, Amoy 19th Dec and Swatow 21st, General.—DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.	Dec. 22, MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese str., 657, Saito, Amoy 19th Dec, Amoy 20th and Swatow 21st, General.—B. KAISHA.	Dec. 22, MADA KOLA, German str., 2,766, G. Krafft, Moji 16th Dec, Coals.—M. B. KAISHA.	Dec. 22, PIQUE, British cruiser, 3,600, Harry C. Reynolds, Shanghai 14th December.	Dec. 22, POLARIS, British str., 2,598, T. W. Hoppel, New York 19th Oct., Petroleum.—STANDARD OIL Co.	Dec. 22, TETROS, German str., 1,032, Harry Cluwer, Singapore 13th Dec, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.	Dec. 22, TRIN, Norwegian str., 719, Dahl, Haiphong 19th Dec and Hoihow 21st, General.—A. R. MARTY.
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CLEARANCES.

Chongyong, British str., for Swatow.	Dayin Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.	Deonahire, British str., for Moji.	Glenfalloch, British str., for Amoy.	Haitan, British str., for Swatow.	Hanoi, French str., for Haiphong.	Independent, German str., for Chiofo.	Kiowang, British str., for Samarang.	Loongmoon, German str., for Canton.	Michael Jesso, German str., for Hoihow.	Pakhan, British str., for Moji.	Feiyang, German str., for Saigon.	Tordenskjold, Norwegian str., for Samarang.
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DEPARTURES.

CHONGYANG, British str., for Amoy.	CHONGYANG, British str., for Swatow.	CHONGYANG, British str., for Europe.	CHONGYANG, British str., for Moji.	CHONGYANG, British str., for Saigon.	CHONGYANG, British str., for Hoihow.	CHONGYANG, British str., for Canton.
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RADNORSHIRE, British str., for Bangkok.
RUST, DICKINSON, British str., for Baki Papan.
TACOMA, American str., for Kobe.
22nd December.

BENGAL, British str., for Shanghai.
DAININ MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
GLENFALLOCH, British str., for Amoy.
HAITAN, British str., for Swatow.
HANOI, French str., for Haiphong.
INDEPENDENT, German str., for Chiofo.
KIOWANG, British str., for Samarang.
MICHAEL JESSE, German str., for Hoihow.
PAKHAN, British str., for Moji.
TORDENSKJOLD, Norwegian str., for Samarang.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
21st December.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—Thyre
KOWLOON DOCK.—Canton River, H. S. M. S. U.S.S. Princeton, Saturn, Hue, S.M.S. Titis, S.M.S. Tiger, Emma Luyken, Perla, Hongkong, H.M.S. Blenheim, Fushun.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Taitheong, Yuen-sang, Heinrich Menzel.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer *Poland*, from New York 10th Oct., had fine weather through the Palawan Channel, strong N.E. monsoon in middle of China Sea.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Pakhoi 18th inst. and Hoihow 20th, had light to fresh E.S.E. breeze and fine, clear weather to Hoihow. From Hoihow strong E.N.E. to N.E. monsoon and overcast weather to Ladrones; thence dirty weather to port; high head sea throughout.

The British steamer *Haiching*, from Amoy 19th inst. and Swatow 21st, had strong N.E. monsoon and cloudy weather to Swatow. From Swatow to port moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather throughout. Vessels in Amoy—U.S.S. *Kentucky*, str. *Taishan*, *Shantung*, *Taipei* and *Shanti*.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [302]

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHINKIA.

THE Steamship
"BABELSBERG,"
Captain Reckmann, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to
EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1901. [3249]

REGULAR
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
YORK
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
"LENNON" On 23rd Dec.
"ORONSAY" About 31st Dec.

"AFRIDI" About 10th Jan.
"HILGLEN" About 20th Jan.
"LOWTHER CASTLE" About 31st Jan.
For Freight and further information, Apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [1739]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON	JAVA	Noon, 28th	Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	About 30th	Freight or Passage.
MOJITO AND KOBE	E. Spicer, R.N.R.	December.	
(Passing through the Island Sea).			
LONDON, &c.	VALETTA	Noon, 4th	See Special Advertisement
SHANGHAI	A. G. Cullitt, R.N.R.	January	
	COROMANDEL	About 4th	Freight or Passage.
	F. W. Vibert	January.	

PASSENGER SEASON 1902.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, ORIENTAL, & LONDON DIRECT	5,284 Tons	29th March.
WITHOUT TRANSIT	6,084 Tons	12th April.
For Further Particulars, apply to		
	E. A. HEWETT,	Superintendent.
	Hongkong, 11th November, 1901.	

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJITO, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	Tons.	CAPTAIN	HONGKONG.
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven, R.N.R.	December 23, 1901
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	January 14, 1902
"KNIGHT COMPANION"	4,111	C. E. Froggatt, R.N.R.	February 18, 1902

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1901.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
KONIG ALBERT	25th December.
PRINZESS ALRENE	5th Jan. 1902.
PRINZ HEINRICH	22nd Jan. 1902.
PREUSSEN	5th Feb. 1902.
HAMBURG	19th Feb. 1902.
SACHSEN	5th Mar. 1902.
KLAUSCHOU	19th Mar. 1902.
BATERN	2nd Apr. 1902.
SPITZKART	30th Apr. 1902.
KONIG ALBERT	14th May 1902.
PRINZESS ALRENE	28th May 1902.
PRINZ HEINRICH	11th June 1902.
PREUSSEN	25th June 1902.
HAMBURG	9th July 1902.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of December, 1901, at 4 p.m., the Steamship "KONIG ALBERT" of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Capt. C. Polack, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd December. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 9 a.m. on THURSDAY, the 24th December, and will be received at the Agency Office until Noon on THURSDAY, the 24th December. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 lbs. and Parcels should not exceed 70 lbs. Net Cubic in Measurement.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1901.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KAWACHI MARU	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 24th December, at DAYLIGHT.
J. S. Thompson		
WAKAMA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 27th December, at DAYLIGHT.
J. B. Macmillan		
ITO MARU	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJITO, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.
S. J. G. Parsons		
HIROSHIMA MARU	KOBE (DIRECT)	THURSDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
T. Mura		
KUMANO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	THURSDAY, 2nd January, 1902, at 4 P.M.
E. W. Haswell		

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).
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"TARTAR".....Comdr. E. Beetham, R.N.R.WEDNESDAY, 29th Jan., 1902
"EMPEROR OF INDIA".....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.WEDNESDAY, 12th Feb., 1902
"ATHENIAN".....Comdr. H. Mowatt, R.N.R.WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., 1902
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN".....Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R.WEDNESDAY, 12th Mar., 1902

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1901.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

OUTWARDS.		DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 26th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MEMNON"	On 3rd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TANTALUS"	On 18th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	On 31st January.
HOMEWARDS.		DATE
LONDON	"GLAUCON"	On 24th December.
LONDON	"DEUCALION"	On 7th January.
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 21st January.
LONDON	"STENTOR"	On 4th February.
LONDON	"IDOMENEUS"	On 18th February.
LONDON	"AJAX"	On 4th March.
LONDON	"PATROCLUS"	On 20th January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"TANTALUS"	On 15th February.

(Taking Cargo at London Rates) S.S. "STENTOR" left SINGAPORE on 20th inst., at daylight, and is due in Hongkong on 26th inst.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 23rd December.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 28th December.
POINT D'ARWIN THURSDAY	"CHINGTU"	On 16th January, 1902
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 16th January, 1902

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Hongkong, 18th November, 1901.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1901.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSWI, VIA SWATOW	"DAI MARU"	SUNDAY, 29th December.
AND AMOY	"KITANO"	SUNDAY, 5th January.
TAMSWI, VIA SWATOW	"DAI MARU"	SUNDAY, 5th January.
AND AMOY	"T. OGATA"	WEDNESDAY, 26th December.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. SATO
AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 1st January, 1902.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW	"K. SUZUKI"	WEDNESDAY, 1st January, 1902.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1901.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG."

Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1901.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, &c.

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For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1901.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKLING,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 24th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY, the 18th inst.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ROSETTA MARU."

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"GLENESK,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Co. within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1901.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PATROCLUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 20th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 27th inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

STEAMSHIP "INDUS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex a.s. *Canby*, and *Bochfort*, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded in unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 P.M., TO-DAY, the 16th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages must be examined on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901.

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